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LR 101, 106, 107, 110, 114, 118, 120
121, 122

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and I do sign LR 101, LR 106, LR 107, LR 110, LR 114, LR 118, LR 120, LR 121, and LR 122. Also we have some visitors this morning as guests of Shirley Marsh. We have Mary Martin, formerly of Lincoln, now living in Alabama, and Pat Savory of Frankville, Alabama, under the south balcony. Would you ladies please stand and be recognized. Also, as guests of Senator Marsh, some very special guests also under the south balcony, Monika Lanskau-Herrman of Bonn, Germany, Eva-Maria Schwende of Munich, and Gabriela Steckmeister of Stuttgart and their escort, Shelia DeTurk. They are guests of the United States Information Agency. Would you people please stand and be recognized. Thank you, we are delighted to have you with us this morning, glad to have you as visitors. Before proceeding, ladies and gentlemen (gavel), I'd like to share with you just a couple of thoughts, if I might. At the beginning of a new week, with only 3 short weeks ahead of us, specifically 12 working days, we've got a lot of work to do. We're down to crunch time. I would ask all of you to buckle down and be especially cognizant, if you will, of the tardiness and the absenteeism which has plagued us at times this year. I would ask that you stay close to the floor, if at all possible, especially in terms of the business that we have to do. We've got more business to do now in a very limited time. And the calls of the house have...are wasting 30 to 45 minutes in either a forenoon or an afternoon, just calls of the house, waiting for members to return. That is a very senseless waste of time in my opinion. There are times, I realize, but consistently 30 to 45 minutes is a lot of lost time. For the remainder of this week, and however long it takes, we will be processing the budget in the afternoon. We'll be on budget discussions in the p.m. Today, and tomorrow, and whatever, we will be on General File and Select File in the mornings. We have several bills that we should certainly handle, if at all possible. But the budget is the mainstay, and specifically the law says we've got to do it before we go home. So we will be working as long and as hard as necessary. I would anticipate beginning today that our work days will be somewhat longer. For those of you that are consistently interested in adjournment time, I would be looking at something like six-thirty, perhaps seven o'clock this evening. It is up to you as to how long you want to work, but that is what I'm looking at right now. We've had a very, very productive session up to this point, thanks to you people. I would ask for your continued support and your continued goodwill, and above all, I would ask that you all try to maintain a sense of humor, it's going to be